

Blaze Bulletin

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A GOLD MEDAL CELEBRATION

Blaze Credit Union welcomed more than 3,100 registered guests to its 2026 Annual Meeting + Celebration on February 21 at Grace Church in Eden Prairie. Attendees participated in educational seminars, explored the Blaze Expo, shopped the UMN Alumni pop-up market, and everyone received \$25 cash upon leaving. Blazers also donated 500 pounds of food to benefit the American Cancer Society—Hope Lodge Minneapolis.

The program began with a Salute to America featuring St. Paul veteran, Billy Peterson. Fan favorite and official anthem singer for the Minnesota Wild, John deCausmeaker, returned to sing the National Anthem.

Dan Stoltz, Blaze CEO/President, welcomed attendees and shared accomplishments from 2025. Highlights included an independent brand study of Minnesota financial institutions where Blaze was the most recognized credit union brand and was the fourth most recognized financial overall, in addition to repeat awards from Forbes, Newsweek, and the Star Tribune.

With the 2026 Milan Cortina Winter Olympics underway, Stoltz celebrated Blaze Proud Partners and current Olympians Speedskater Greta Myers and Minnesota Wild defenseman Brock Faber. Attendees viewed a special video message from Myers and a new commercial featuring Faber.

Following the videos, Blaze's Core Value of being Thoughtfully Compassionate took center stage with employees sharing their interactions with members. Stoltz then spoke about how Blaze plans to invest in technology, products, services, and branch locations to further the credit union's Core Purpose of Better Lives.

Thomas Heinzen, Chair of the Board of Directors for Blaze, conducted the business meeting. He reinforced the board's confidence in the credit union's ability to deliver meaningful value for its members, communities, and employees. "What the credit union has accomplished in a relatively short time is remarkable. To sustain this momentum, Blaze will continue to act strategically, invest thoughtfully, and work relentlessly to strengthen services, enhance financial performance and deliver greater value to members for years to come."

The day's festivities concluded with an uplifting presentation from best-selling author, comedian, cancer survivor, and Paralympian, Josh Sundquist (pictured above with Dan Stoltz).

NEW BRANCH!

**BLAZE
ROCHESTER**

Opening late spring

Blaze's 29th branch location at
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April 15 | 5:30–6:30 p.m., St. Paul (Empire)

April 21 | 5:30–6:30 p.m., Maple Grove

May 12 | 5:30–6:30 p.m., Vadnais Heights

May 21 | 5:30–6:30 p.m., Plymouth

Space is limited!

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The Star Tribune Readers' Choice Award program awards one gold, silver, and bronze winner per category decided by popular online vote. Published July 2025. Visit <https://www.minnesotasbest.com/about-minnesotas-best.html> for more information.

PLEASE JOIN US

HOME BREW EVENT

Tuesday, April 14

Register at blazecu.com/events

COURTESY OF



Blaze MORTGAGE



Enjoy food, refreshments, prizes, and learn all about the homebuying process from mortgage experts!

Plus, meet puppies from **The Bond Between** and learn how to help them find their forever home.

Virtual Home Buying Seminars

Learn how and why getting preapproved is important, the different mortgage options available, and just how easy the process can be with the Blaze mortgage team.

For more information and to register, visit blazecu.com/events.



Thursday, May 7: 6–7 p.m.

Thursday, May 21: 6–7 p.m.



EXCLUSIVE Member Ticket Discount

BlazeSM
CREDIT UNION



Over 50% off Select Early Season Games

\$18 for an Outfield Reserved Ticket and a Saints Hat during the 2026 season. (\$32+ value)

Purchase tickets at blazecu.com/member

The listed prices of \$11.72 and \$21.28 include taxes & fees.



Financial Literacy Month

April is Financial Literacy Month! The Blaze Financial Trail Guide features free resources designed to help you navigate your financial journey.

For more information visit blazecu.com/trailguide



On Team Blaze AND Team USA

Congratulations, Greta and Brock, on your 2026 Winter Olympics performances!



Busted: The "Money at Risk" Scam

It starts with an unexpected call or text warning you that your money is at risk. The message sounds urgent: *"There's fraud on your account. We can help you stop it."* Your pulse quickens, and the caller senses your fear.

Stop. Take a breath. This moment—your panic—is exactly what scammers are counting on.

Fraudsters use fear to pressure you into acting quickly before you have time to think. They often sound convincing and may already know personal details such as your name, address, or the last four digits of your card. But this information alone does **not** make them legitimate. Criminals routinely steal or purchase personal data from the dark web to use in scams.

To protect yourself during these high-pressure moments, follow these practical tips:

WHAT TO DO

Get Details. Ask the caller where they're contacting you from, then **hang up**.

Verify. If you have an account with the institution they claim to represent:

- Contact them **directly** using their official app, website, or the phone number printed on the back of your card.
- Do **not** rely on numbers provided by the caller.

Talk to Someone You Trust. Scammers often insist you keep the call secret. A legitimate institution will *never* tell you to hide information from friends or family.

WHAT NOT TO DO

Do Not Share Personal Information. Never give your account numbers, Social Security number, PINs, or other sensitive details over the phone to an unexpected caller.

Do Not Click Links in Suspicious Texts. If you receive a text claiming fraud on your account, avoid the link. Use your financial institution's official app or website to check your account instead.

Do Not Allow Remote Access. No legitimate financial institution will ever ask to remotely access your phone or computer.

Do Not Share Verification Codes. These codes are for **you only**. Giving them to someone else gives them access to your accounts.

Do Not Withdraw Money to "Protect It". If someone instructs you to withdraw your money and deposit it into a **bitcoin or cryptocurrency ATM**, it is a **scam**. A real institution will *never* tell you to move your money this way.



For more on how to spot and stop scams, visit the Federal Trade Commission at consumer.ftc.gov

Refinance Your Vehicle Loan



Get \$100 When You Switch to Blaze

You will lower the rate on your vehicle loan and get \$100* when you refinance!



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Change in Terms: Inactive Account Fee - \$8.50 per month on balance below \$100

Inactive Checking Account Fee: Fee assessed on balances below \$100 if inactive greater than 365 days & there are no additional active personal checking accounts you have ownership in. Fee waived for members under the age of 21.

Inactive Share Account Fee: Fee assessed on balances below \$100 if inactive greater than 730 days & there are no additional deposit or loan products under the same member number. The fee is waived for members under the age of 21.

This change will go into effect on May 1, 2026. Continuing to maintain your account after May 1, 2026, constitutes acceptance of, and agreement to, the new terms and conditions.

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6 OR **7**
YEAR
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PROTECT YOURSELF and YOUR SENSITIVE INFORMATION

Saturday, May 30

Spring Shred Day 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Eden Prairie | Princeton | Coon Rapids | Waseca

*3-bag limit. Free for Blaze members.

Fraud Seminar 9-10 a.m.

Westminster Administration Offices, St. Paul
Register to attend at blazecu.com/events

BLAZE LOCATIONS

Find more branch-specific information at blazecu.com/locations

Blaine

10 Northtown Drive NE
Blaine, MN 55434

Coon Rapids

3380 Northdale Boulevard NW
Coon Rapids, MN 55448

Eagan

1251 Town Centre Drive
Eagan, MN 55123

Eden Prairie

8577 Columbine Road
Eden Prairie, MN 55344

Elk River

17035 Yale Court NW
Elk River, MN 55330

Golden Valley

6450 Wayzata Boulevard
Golden Valley, MN 55426

Isle

390 Isle Street W
Isle, MN 56342

Keewatin

112 East 3rd Avenue
Keewatin, MN 55753

Maple Grove

9580 Blackoaks Lane N
Maple Grove, MN 55311

Milaca

400 3rd Avenue SW
Milaca, MN 56353

Minneapolis North

3117 University Avenue SE
Minneapolis, MN 55414

Minneapolis South

5025 E 54th Street
Minneapolis, MN 55417

Mora

112 South Lake Street
Mora, MN 55051

Ogilvie

200 West Highway 23
Ogilvie, MN 56358

Pine City

900 Main Street S
Pine City, MN 55063

Plymouth

10000 Rockford Road
Plymouth, MN 55442

Princeton

602 Tiger Boulevard
Princeton, MN 55371

Rochester

COMING SOON!
975 34th Avenue NW
Rochester, MN 55901

Roseville North

2465 Fairview Avenue N
Roseville, MN 55113

Roseville South

1880 Perimeter Drive
Roseville, MN 55113

St. Cloud

3951 Division Street
St. Cloud, MN 56301

St. Michael Cub

900 Central Avenue E
St. Michael, MN 55376

St. Paul

111 Empire Drive
St Paul, MN 55103

St. Paul West

2700 W Territorial Road
St. Paul, MN 55114

Only available for HBI employees.

Stillwater Cub

1801 Market Drive
Stillwater, MN 55082

Vadnais Heights

940 Co Road E East
Vadnais Heights, MN 55127

Waseca

105 15th Ave NE
Waseca, MN 56093

Woodbury East

195 Radio Drive
Woodbury, MN 55125

Woodbury West

1570 Woodlane Drive
Woodbury, MN 55125

***Temporarily Closed
for Remodel.
Reopening Late Spring.**

**All Blaze locations will be closed Monday, May 25 (Memorial Day);
Friday, June 19 (Juneteenth); and Saturday, July 4 (Independence Day).**

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